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"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING INFORMATION OF

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Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the following:

## --RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application(s) No(s). P2000-344500 filed November 10, 2000, which application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

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